

**COMPLICATION OF THE MASTECTOMY SURGICAL WOUND
– CHANGES IN PATIENT DAY LIVE ACTIVITIES**

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Aim: This case study aims to demonstrate the impact that the complication in wound healing of mastectomy had in the activities of daily life of a patient.

Method: Study case, with systematic evaluations, photographic records and their retrospective analysis of the changes in the patient day life, based on the model of the basic needs of Virginia Henderson. Undertaking an interview, recorded after closure of the wound, on the impact that this complication had in the patient life, following the same model. Story Case: women 69 years old, a widow living alone, with neoplasia of the breast. Personal Background: Type II Diabetes, Morbid Obesity, 30 cycles of chemotherapy pre-operatively, submitted a Radical Mastectomy. At the 19th day of the post-operative patient has already an extensive very exudative cavity. 5 months to total closure of the wound, and the patient came the institution for carrying out dressings, at the beginning daily. Waiting closure of the wound to start adjuvant radiotherapy.

Results: From 14 basic needs, there had been changes at 6: Communication; Moving; Occupation; Hygiene; Sleeping and Self-Image. Some of the changes that the patient gone through during those 5 months, had already been raised by the nurse during treatment and target the intervention, but not all the satisfaction of the patient.

Discussion / Conclusion: This wound had major implications on the life of this patient and delayed further treatment and his physical recovery. The story of this patient allowed a reflection on the real understanding of the difficulties experienced by other patients and the behaviour of professionals, during prolonged treatments by complications of the surgical wound. When we can not avoid the complication avoid its worsening.